

Proclamation

WHEREAS, in the State of Hawai`i, 140 lives were tragically lost in traffic accidents last year; and

WHEREAS, there is also a great need to educate our youth on the dangers of underage drinking, as DUI arrests for juveniles increased 38.9 percent during the period 2002 through 2004; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that the safety of our residents and visitors are addressed by making our roads safer; and

WHEREAS, the goal of two specific Department of Transportation programs, the “*Click It Or Ticket*” seat belt promotional campaign, and the “D2” or “*Designated Driver*” summer program is to improve highway safety to save lives; and

WHEREAS, as part of the “*Click It Or Ticket*” campaign, the State of Hawai`i ranks number one with a 95.3 percent seat belt usage rate; and

WHEREAS, under the “D2” summer campaign, radio stations and nightclub/bars across the state provide complimentary non-alcoholic drinks to designated drivers; and

WHEREAS, both traffic safety programs seek to instill safe habits in Hawai`i drivers, and are specifically aimed at decreasing injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, these programs have already made the Aloha State one of the nation’s leaders in seat belt use and lowered alcohol-related traffic deaths during the summer months,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of Hawai`i, and **I, JAMES R. “DUKE” AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2006, as

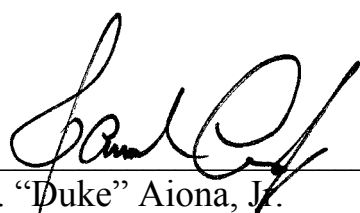
HIGHWAY SAFETY MONTH

in Hawai`i, and extend our appreciation to Director Rodney Haraga and the Hawai`i Department of Transportation, four county police departments and our traffic safety partners for their outstanding efforts to increase traffic safety education and promote a safer environment along our state roads.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai`i, this eleventh day of May 2006.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai`i



James R. “Duke” Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai`i